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Caroling

Residents and a TV crew (right) circle round carolers from New England Conservatory of Music during town holiday program in Robbins Garden. The Town Manager's office planned the lighting and caroling program the Monday before Christmas.

Clinton Case

Conflict Ruling Puts Lyons' Seat Up In Air

A recent ruling by the Worcester Superior Court on conflict of interest has at least one Arlington officeholder in a quandary over whether he can stay in office.

Earlier this year, three members of the Clinton School Committee were faced with conflict of interest charges when debating budgets and appropriations since their children were teachers in the Clinton Public School System.

A judge ruled that the School Committee members could not participate in any way in the adoption or revision of School Committee budgets, although they could be present at committee meetings solely for the purpose of establishing a quorum.

Two of the Clinton School Committee members have appealed the case. A single justice of the Mass. Supreme Judicial Court referred the case to the Mass. Appeals Court in Boston. Three justices will hear the appeal. No date has been set.

On Dec. 15, Arlington School Committee member Charles Lyons, in a letter to Town Counsel Joseph Purcell, asked for an interpretation of the ruling, since Lyons' mother works as a secretary in the Arlington School Department. He is the only official to ask for an interpretation so far.

Town Counsel Purcell wrote to Lyons last week that "you may be present at a School Committee meeting at which the budget is discussed only for the purpose of establishing a quorum, but cannot participate in any way including discussion, making of motions, seconding motions, or presiding over any action by the School Committee involving the adoption or revision of any items in the school department budget."

Lyons' mother, Helen M. Lyons, has been working in the Arlington School Department as a secretary for approximately eight years and is a civil-service employee. Lyons was a freshman in high school when his mother began working for the town. Lyons ran for office at the age of 18 and was re-elected this past March.

Lyons says that there is no connection between his campaign for the School Committee and the annual review of budgets, at which his mother's salary, and those of other School Department personnel, are reviewed.

In an interview with The Advocate, Lyons said that he has a few options open to him following the opinion of the Town Counsel. He says that he can continue voting on the budget

and have either the School Committee or himself hire a legal counsel to assist him in procedural matters.

Another option, he said, is to resign his office "because many decisions on the committee involve the budget and there may be problems later, and I don't want that to happen."

If Lyons continues to vote on the budget following the interpretation of the Town Counsel and in light of the Superior Court ruling, he says he could face a possible \$3,000 fine. Lyons says that the School Committee office is a nonpaying job and that he could not afford to meet such a penalty if cited by a court - therefore resignation is a real option that he is considering.

Another option open to Lyons is to continue voting on the budget and to see if another judge would rule differently than the Worcester Court, since a Superior Court ruling is not considered state law, but is paramount until overruled by a court of superior jurisdiction.

Lyons says that within the next week he will make a decision as to what action he will take. He says that he has not talked with his mother on the situation, although they do sometimes discuss other matters involving the School Department.

"A lot of people have lost faith in public officials for various reasons that have arisen, and I don't want to be a part of the Watergate phenomenon," Lyons says.

Town Counsel Purcell, in his letter to Lyons, ruled that Lyons is a municipal employee since the Board of Selectmen has ruled that classification for committee members in the past. Purcell wrote, "Section 19 of Mass. Gen. Laws, Ch. 268A, the 'Conflict of Interest Law' so-called, prohibits a municipal employee from participating in a particular matter, which, to his knowledge, a member of his immediate family has a financial interest. For the purposes of said Section 19, 'participate' has been defined as 'participate in any agency action or in a particular matter personally and substantially as a municipal employee, through approval, disapproval, decision, recommendation, the rendering of advice, investigation or otherwise.'

In the Clinton case, the Superior Court judge ruled that the scope of the above definition of "participate" encompasses more than the act of voting on a salary account. The court ruled that a member of a School Committee who has a member of his

family employed in the school system cannot participate in any action by the School Committee involving "the adoption or revision of any and all items in the school department budget."

Lyons says that since being elected to the School Committee, he has never voted on any secretarial budget in which his mother was involved. He says that he has always abstained from voting and left the committee chambers so that a conflict of interest charge could not be brought up. He has participated in other School Committee budgets, however.

Lyons feels he has acted responsibly and legally in the past, and says that the Clinton decision "is a controversial one" since it places a burden on non-paid, elected officials.

Lyons says that he plans to relax and celebrate the new year before making any decisions. In the interim, he says he will not attend any school budget meetings until he has made up his mind on whether to stay in office or resign.

Board Affirms Policy About Emergency Care

The Board of Selectmen reminds residents that the town's policies on back-up emergency service and user service fees have not changed since they were instituted in 1972 when Rescue 1 was put into service.

The board recently discussed the emergency transportation services in light of an unsigned flyer that was distributed before Christmas.

The circular, which urges residents to call Selectmen with their concerns says that the board has yet to respond to Firefighters' Local 1297 since their meeting Sept. 22.

The flyer claims that a private ambulance is used for backup when the Rescue is busy and that since it is not manned 24 hours a day, backup coverage cannot be guaranteed. Also, a user fee will be charged for the backup. The flyer suggests that the bill for such service be sent to residents by the Selectmen.

The board, in discussing the circular, pointed out that the town's policy has not changed. "Prior to 1972 the Police Department provided emergency transportation services. Since 1966 Armstrong Ambulance Service, a private ambulance company doing business in the town of Arlington, has always been available as backup emergency transportation."

The board added that it wishes to reassure the citizens that Armstrong will continue to provide the same efficient backup emergency transportation service when needed.

The allegation that the town recently changed its policy regarding backup emergency service and user fees when Rescue 1 is on call or out of service is not true, according to the board.

Lunchtime Skating

Arlington Recreation will continue its popular "Free Luncheon Skate" program on Wednesday afternoons at the MDC Rink on Summer st. noon to 1 p.m. beginning Wednesday, Jan. 7. All adult residents and those who work locally are invited to attend.



Adventure

Being a pedestrian in Arlington is an adventure after two feet of snow fell. DPW crews have been trying to remove snow and open storm drains for a week and a half around the clock. (Staff Photos by Larry Barton)

Cost Estimated At \$100,000

Town Digs, Swims Out Of Storms

Director of Public Works Raymond Ouellette called the weather conditions last week the worst he has seen during his 27 years with the department.

He estimated the cost of plowing, sanding and cleaning up at close to \$100,000.

Cleanup of side streets on either side of Mass. ave. in Arlington Center was still continuing early Monday morning.

A total of 25.9 inches of snow and an additional 1.5 inches of rain fell during the period Dec. 24 through Dec. 26.

Administrative Assistant of the Public Works Dept. John Bowler called the back to back Northeast storms as reminiscent to the two heavy snow storms of February 1969.



SKI TOURING — Jean Miley, assistant in the Town Manager's Office, cross country skis through Robbins Garden to the caroling. The walks were lined with paper bags holding lighted candles.

Supreme Court Agrees To Hear Arlington Case

The Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts has agreed to hear the Town of Arlington's case against binding arbitration for firefighters and police officers.

Briefs prepared by Arlington, with whom the cities of Boston and Worcester have joined, are due by Jan. 19. The brief from the firefighter's union, which is opposing the town viewpoint, is due Feb. 10.

Arlington is contending that core legislative and governmental decisions which presently are being decided by an outside third party who is not accountable within the local political process is "a deprivation of the Town Meeting, the Town Manager and the Selectmen's authority," according to John Maher, assistant to the Town Counsel.

The lengthy briefs being prepared by the Town Counsel will explain Arlington's position on binding arbitration and ask for a reversal of the binding arbitration law. When it appears before the Supreme Judicial Court, Arlington will ask for a speedy hearing on this case which has already dragged on for almost two years since the firefighters took the town to binding arbitration and received a salary higher than that voted by the Town Meeting.

Winter Classes Start 12th At Schwamb Mill

Winter fine arts and crafts classes will begin the week of Jan. 12 at the historic Old Schwamb Mill at Arlington Heights. Openings remain in the following courses: crewel, oil painting, drawing, needlepoint, weaving, and patchwork quiltmaking.

A new course in the versatile art of rug braiding has also been announced. The instructor for the course is Louise G. Darles of 21 Millett st. Her award-winning braided rugs have been exhibited throughout New England.

The new Mill shop, which was opened recently featuring selected crafts and antiques by New England Artisans, will now be open from 10-4, Tuesdays through Saturdays. It is closed Mondays.

For a list of classes and further information, call or write the Mill at 17 Mill Lane, off Lowell Street, Arlington Heights. The Old Schwamb Mill education program is supported in part by the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities.

Bowler said that in addition to the 25 inches of snow which fell on Dec. 20 and 21, the 1.5 of rain which fell on Dec. 26 would have amounted to another 15 inches of snow.

Ouellette said that the Public Works Dept. had to be one that is extremely flexible during such a stormy period. He noted that the workers have to switch from plowing to sanding to cleaning up and handling flood control programs.

He added that employees worked through Saturday to handle the rubbish collection because of the holiday and then worked on Sunday in connection with snow cleanup.

The Director said that members of the Public Works Dept. and other employees under the direction of the Town Manager worked around the clock to keep ahead of the storm conditions and should be praised for their accomplishment.

Ouellette said that the past week has been one of the longest sieges of such weather he can remember in a long time, and that the extreme cold temperatures made snow removal more difficult since road salt is not as effective when temperatures are below 25 degrees.

He said that holiday traffic also added to the removal and cleanup problems.

Ouellette said he would like to publicly thank the men of the Public Works Dept. and members of the Community Safety Dept. for a job well done under very adverse weather conditions.

The Director noted several problems which came up during the stormy week. One concerns abandoned vehicles which impeded snow plowing while another concerns the use of snow blowers and shoveling snow back into the streets after they have been plowed.

Ouellette said that 30 vehicles had to be towed during the week.

Article 9, section 12A of the town by-laws gives the Director of Public Works the authority to remove or to have removed from town streets any vehicle which obstructs plowing operations.

He added that residents shoveling snow from their driveways and sidewalks created hazardous driving conditions.

Ouellette urged residents to shovel snow back onto their property and blow snow if they are using snow blowers away from the street and sidewalk areas.

Administrative Assistant John Bowler noted that men, equipment, sand, salt and other chemicals in sufficient number and quantities are in themselves not enough to insure a successful snow removal operation. He noted that there must be public cooperation during a snow emergency to achieve optimum results.

Bowler said that public cooperation costs very little but its absence can turn best efforts into a shambles.

He requested that during a snow emergency residents not drive unless absolutely necessary, park cars off the road, use public transportation whenever necessary, be certain cars are properly equipped for winter driving and shovel off hydrants and catch basins.

He says that Tavian Music has no intention of leaving Arlington Center after being in business here for over 12 years!

Ms. Tavian also says that any references allegedly made by her, or Tavian Music pertaining to a price war between cosmetic stores were completely inaccurately reported.



Cold

Lori Morel enjoys the lighted tree in Robbins Garden and the fresh snow that falls during the caroling program.

(Advocate Staff Photo)

At Minuteman

Occupational Program For Local Students Set



Long List

All she wants for Christmas — Pam Shaw talks over her list with the Fidelity House Santa at a pre-holiday party. (Advocate Staff Photo)

Arlington Girls Teams Continue Busy Schedule

The Arlington Catholic girls' basketball team defeated St. Mary's of Lynn 64-41 and St. Clare's 52-29 in recent games.

Meanwhile, Arlington High girls beat Revere 48-33 and Peabody 44-31 and lost to Somerville 47-42.

The Arlington High girls' gymnastics team was edged by Saugus 54-53 to 46-35.

In the ACHS win-over St. Mary's Peg Cain and Cindy Havern sparked the Arlington offense, while Dayna Brown and Jay Sullivan played strong defensive games at the guard positions.

Maureen Quinn and Peg Cain controlled the boards for ACHS in the victory over St. Clare's. Dayna Brown chipped in with 14 points.

The team coached by Cindy Barry had a 4-2 record after the two wins.

The ACHS junior varsity team defeated St.

Three Juveniles

Are Apprehended

Three juveniles were apprehended by Arlington police at Mass. Ave. and Teel St., just before midnight, Dec. 24.

One was charged with being a delinquent child, to wit: idle and disorderly, attempting to rescue a prisoner and assault and battery on a police officer.

A second was charged with being a delinquent child, to wit: idle and disorderly and assault and battery on a police officer, while a third was charged with being a delinquent child, to wit: idle and disorderly and attempting to rescue a prisoner.

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Police Officers Sign Contract With The Town

Representatives of the town and ranking police officers signed a contract Dec. 19. The contract affects 22 officers from the rank of sergeant on up, and will be in effect until June 30, 1976.

The officers will receive fringe benefits and wages in the amount of \$19,618 for the five percent increase voted at the 1975 annual town meeting.

Also included in the contract package will be \$100 for each employee who has worked for 10 years and \$200 for each who has worked for a period of 20 years. This was also the result of town meeting action.

The sum of \$5,500 was also approved for rank differential. This could be subject to later change depending on the result of the binding arbitration case.

Negotiated outside of town meeting was a three percent night shift sum of \$6,791, and a 50 cent weekend differential amounting to \$3,155. This includes Saturdays and Sundays only.

The ranking officers will also receive one and one-quarter time for court time, the same as the patrolmen; this total figure is \$3,395.

The clothing allowance in the negotiated package will total \$1,380. Individual clothing allowance will be \$200. Previously, there was no set figure but it averaged about \$140.

were angry, because in October they voted to pay teachers in the program \$8.50 an hour, and then were persuaded to raise the rate to \$9 an hour.

Eighteen teachers would be involved, and their representative noted that this after-school program is not covered by their collective bargaining. One committee member reminded the teachers that they were not obliged to take part in the program and should not expect to say how the federal grant is used.

Arlington's school committee member Rico Merluzzo felt that the home teachers were given first chance, and if they did not want the jobs, other teachers could be found. Merluzzo made a motion to keep the original pay and advertise the positions in local papers.

This was defeated 5-4, but a similar motion to set \$720 as the maximum pay passed 5-4, with Merluzzo voting on the prevailing side.

The Budget

Criticism of the Minuteman budget by the regional finance committee headed by Robert O'Neill of Arlington has been answered by school treasurer Michele G. Lombardo.

O'Neill told the regional school committee that its cost per pupil was high because the school was underenrolled, citing the difference between the 750 enrolled and the 900

capacity for two grades.

Earlier this month O'Neill told the school committee the finance committee wanted to "see a budget based on actual number of students projected for next year."

The school committee and administration are preparing budgets based on full enrollment, 1350, to 1200 students.

Lombardo told the school committee that the cost per student is lowered by reducing spending in the current budget. He said that some fixed costs, such as heating and lighting, would not decrease with fewer students.

Using the \$2.5 million 1976 budget as an example, Lombardo showed that the cost per student was set at \$2778 for an enrollment of 900. Then it rose to \$3387 when enrollment was 738 students, a hike of \$609.

However, when the budget was reduced \$200,000 the savings was \$270 per student. He said it was conceivable that another \$100,000 cut would bring the extra cost per student down to \$204 or \$202. That \$204 times 738 students amounted to an additional cost of \$150,000 although there was a reduction of \$300,000 in spending.

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Programs Planned

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Balroom Dancing: Begins Wednesday, Jan. 14 for 10 weeks. Girls Gym Arlington High School. Classes at 7:30 or 8:30 p.m.

Register at the Recreation Office, first come first serve. A minimal registration fee is required. Learn the basic steps for the waltz, fox trot, cha-cha, hulley-gulley as well as some of the new steps.

Women's Fitness: Begins Monday and Wednesday, Jan. 5 and 7 for 10 weeks. Junior High East Gym. 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Register at the Recreation Office, a minimal fee is required. Stay in shape under qualified leadership. Program includes a formal exercise period followed by informal games of volleyball, basketball etc.

Men's Fitness: Begins Thursday, Jan. 8 and Tuesday, Jan. 13 for 10 weeks. Boys Gym, Arlington High School. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Register at the Recreation Office, a minimal fee is required. Program includes a brisk exercise period followed by informal games of volleyball and basketball.

Co-ed Volleyball: Begins Wednesday, Jan. 7 and runs for 10 weeks. Boys Gym, Arlington High School. 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Register at the Recreation Office, 33 Ryder st., a minimal fee is required. Program offers exercise and fun for all participants.

Christmas Gifts

Taken From Cars

Christmas gifts were taken from two cars in Arlington during the past week.

On Dec. 22, gifts were taken from a car on Spring st. and gifts were taken from another car on Pine st. on Christmas day.

A pocket calculator was taken from Boulevard rd. on Dec. 23, while a battery was taken from a car on Gardner st. on Dec. 26. Tapes were stolen from a car on Forest st. on the same day.

Also on Dec. 26 a floor jack was taken from Hobbs ct.

Another battery was stolen from a car in the Symmes Hospital area, Dec. 23, and on the following day leather straps and jackets were stolen from a Medford st. address.

A typewriter, a tie and a shirt were reported stolen on Dec. 27.

In other incidents tires were slashed on Gray st. and a window was broken in a car on Tanager st.

On Christmas day a windshield and a rear window were broken in a car on Ivy circle. Paint was also reported damaged on the same car.

A front window was broken on Park ave. and two windows were broken in a store front in East Arlington on Dec. 27.

Bush Baby Girl

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bush of 26 Brattle st. announced the birth of a baby girl, Shannan Lee Bush, Dec. 2 at Symmes Hospital. New grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bush of Concord, N.H. and John Aniston of Auburn, N.H.

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Of Recreation Dept.

Arlington Recreation continues its comprehensive skating program for local residents. All classes will be held at the MDC Skating Rink on Summer Street.

The comprehensive skating program offers all residents the opportunity to skate, from pre-schoolers to special needs to senior citizens. Last weekend over 250 residents signed up for the various programs.

The following classes have limited openings: Figure Skating Instruction: A new program for youngsters offered this winter by the Recreation Office. Instruction on basic and more advanced aspects of this very demanding and exciting sport. Thursday, 5-6 p.m. Jan. 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, March 4.

Adult Skating Instruction: Program designed to teach the novice adult beginner the proper way to skate and aid those who currently skate but desire additional instruction. Class offered is Tuesday, 8-9 p.m. Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17.

For further information and registration contact the Recreation Office on 33 Ryder st.

Ottoson Students
Put On Program

Over 200 Arlington students recently performed in a special all-school assembly at the Ottoson Junior High that featured four musical organizations.

The program opened with an appearance by the Concert Choir, composed of 80 seventh and eighth graders. The concert also featured the Ottoson String Orchestra, the 40 piece Select Wind Ensemble and the Symphonic Band of about 80 members. All these groups performed under the co-direction of Pasquale Tassone and Victor Lapointe.

A special Christmas play by Ottoson's

"Peanut Cluster" captured the high spirits of the season and the program concluded with a personal cameo appearance by Santa Claus.

Letters to The Editor are welcomed by The Arlington Advocate on any matter of public interest, but they must be limited to 250 words and if possible should be typed. All letters must be signed to be published, but names will be withheld on request. Deadline for letters is Monday, 4 p.m.

Miss Benedict Ched

Frances Benedict of 3 Harris circ. was honored recently for several hundred hours of service to the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. She was one of 41 volunteers recognized by the Volunteer Service Award Program.

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Comment

Happy New Year

A Page of Personal Opinion for Public Reflection.

The Arlington Advocate, Thursday, January 1, 1976

Collins' Corner

by Leonard Collins



Tea Party Days

Years ago President Franklin Roosevelt because of pressure from the United States Chamber of Commerce put Thanksgiving back one week so it would not be so close to Christmas, but it is now back to its original date. It was done so that the merchants could pick up a few extra dollars, and so the buyers could catch their breaths, between these two great days. And then along came the New Year, and goodness how fast it arrives each year.

1976 and for a few weeks many folks will be writing down on their books, and checks, that old year 1975. And the writer just counted on his fingers that this is the 45th New Year's column that has appeared in The Arlington Advocate, and he has written over 700 articles.

Way back in 1961 the Editor Leonard Wood wrote that this column would appear, but he didn't know whether it would be weekly, semi monthly, or monthly, because the writer was a very independent guy. Well, first of all, he is not, and if truth were known, he thought he would write for a few months, and then run out of material and people would become bored. Any maybe they are, but the guy keeps digging up weekly items, and it's like holding a tiger by the tail. Deadlines-deadlines and deadlines, and for a very procrastinating typist, it "ain't easy, Maggie," but it's been fun, and for a student who majored in Recess in Arlington High, it's a step up the ladder, I guess.

As one reads the ads in our papers advertising the parties for New Year's Eve, it is hard to believe that for 12 years during Prohibition no mention of cocktails were advertised. Oh, those rousing twenties, when the bootlegger was in his glory. It was a mark of distinction if you knew a guy named "Joe." Staid business man and very solid and respectable citizens went up dark alleys, and down in basements, in districts they had never been around before, to pick a few packages for the entertainment of some neighbors that would drop in during the evening.

Those that went to plush clubs were met at the door by a gent in a Tuxedo who made sure he knew them. It was the day of "Tea drinkers", as any beverage sold was poured into the cup. For those who couldn't afford these resorts, or didn't know any "Joe," they always knew a pal who made home brew, made all over the nation in cellars, and these self-appointed chemists brewed the hops. Many a housewife delayed her washing until the mash was bottled. Even baths were postponed while gin was being seasoned in the bathtub.

It was the age of the stomach pumps, and ulcers became the No. 1 ailment in the medical profession. Whether one imbibes or not, it must be admitted that the open door policy of today is far better, except for the lowering of the drinking age. One thing we know, "Joe" isn't with us any more.

It's hard for many folks today to realize that a boy or girl at the age of 18 back when the country went dry, legally could not buy a drink, or purchase a six pack until they were 31 years of age. Prior to the Prohibition Act Boston was the nearest place where alcoholic beverages were sold, and places like Somerville, and Cambridge were dry until 1932. Very few at high school age drank, and a decent law-abiding bootlegger would never do business with anyone under 21 years of age.

Also prior to 1919 no bartender or package store operator would sell to anyone not 21. Sure, some found ways and means, but the majority no. The tea party was the invitation to homes, but that has disappeared along with men's spats, collar buttons, and long drawers, and the notices states today that cocktails will be served from 6 to 7 in all types of our society.

Have a nice 1976, and even though 1975 was a little rough for many, if you had good health, you had a wonderful year.

The Town Clerk's Bulletin Board

The Massachusetts Open Meeting laws say that notice of meetings of all boards, which include every committee, commission and subcommittee, however elected, appointed or constituted, shall be filed with the clerk in the town and shall be posted in the clerk's office at least 24 hours before the meeting.

Jan. 5, 7 p.m., Assessors at Town Hall.
Jan. 5, 7:15 p.m., Selectmen at Town Hall.
Jan. 6, 7:30 p.m., Park and Recreation Commission at 33 Ryder st.
Jan. 6, 7:30 p.m., School Committee Budget Committee at Central School.
Jan. 6, 8 p.m., p.m., Arlington Historical Commission at Jarvis House.

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Letters To The Editor

Revitalize Center

TO THE EDITOR:

Arlington is a nice town, but like most cities and towns it has its problems. One of the most obvious can be seen simply by driving along Mass. ave.

Many stores in the center are going or have gone out of business. I realize that the economy of the state and country is not in the best of times, however the center of Arlington is in poor condition. The buildings are old and need renovation.

As fast as a retail store goes out of business, a food store takes over. There are at least six fast food restaurants of various types in the center alone, and many more along Mass. ave. from the Cambridge to the Lexington line.

If the town could renovate the center and attract a few good stores like Filene's or Jordan Marsh, it could do well in more ways than one. It would help relieve the taxes by bringing business back to the town again, and the people who live in Arlington won't have to waste gas driving to a shopping mall ten or twenty miles away.

The elderly people of the town would most likely benefit from a project such as this because transportation in Arlington is good, and that they wouldn't have to go too far to do their shopping.

Sincerely,
John Kibit
49 Varnum st.

EDITOR'S NOTE: See last week's Advocate for details on a "model block" program being proposed by the Dept. of Planning and Community Development and the Chamber of Commerce. If the "model block" program is successful, hopefully other business areas in Arlington will be upgraded in the same visually pleasing manner and attract new businesses to the town.

MBTA Service

TO THE EDITOR:

I hope the town does not go too far in its consideration of withdrawal from the MBTA system. "Too far" for me would be the appropriation of Town (taxpayers') money for yet another feasibility study. I don't think consultants are needed to discover that:

1. The great majority of Arlington's adult riders on MBTA buses travel beyond the town's borders, with many using the buses as connectors to the Red Line. Should they have to make a double connection; that is, ride a town bus to the Cambridge line and an MBTA bus to Harvard Square, for instance, they would probably not ride any bus at all but would instead add to the local auto congestion.

2. A large number of people have chosen to live in Arlington because the town combines the pleasures of a relatively green and peaceful suburb with the convenience of mass transit to a major urban center, and they are dependent on that transportation. The threat of loss of intercity transportation is as serious to some as the threat of loss of the local high school's accreditation is to others, and it could likewise bring about many unhappy residents' unwilling moves from town.

3. Arlington probably receives the best MBTA service for a town of its area of any within the entire service district. The number of routes, the frequency of service, and the quality of the equipment must be unsurpassed. Everytime I venture into other areas beyond the rapid transit district I am surprised at their relatively poor service.

Of course the MBTA is inefficient. Its employees do not receive incredibly high pay compared to other public service employees with comparably secure jobs, to say nothing of employees in the private sector, who have to worry about layoffs as well as inflation.

And every bus isn't clean nor every driver polite. Certainly such a large and growing tax assessment over which the town has no direct control is a distressing burden. But I hope we retain some sense of perspective: there must be ways toward reform. Abandonment cannot be our only alternative.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Martin Cohn
167 Jason st.

AHS Soccer

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the 1975 AHS soccer team, we would like to thank Mr. James Herlihy for his generous comments printed in last week's Advocate. Soccer is now played at the varsity level at more than 130 Massachusetts schools, and we hope Arlington can continue to keep pace in the steadily-improving soccer scene.

The steady support of fans like Mr. Herlihy is a great help to us, and the players very much appreciated their spirit on the sidelines at Thorndike Field. We were proud when McTague, Lederer, and Coombs were named All-GBL by the league's head coaches, and we were equally thrilled with the fine play of the others mentioned in his letter, Bettis, Ofria, Arakelian, and Shahzade.

We were defeated by an excellent team when Somerville beat us, 1-0, and we, too, remember our players overtaking Medford in extra time with a substitute goalkeeper in the nets. Thank you, Mr. Herlihy, we intend to work hard to repay the fans' loyalty with good soccer next season.

Sincerely,
Peter Drench
Kevin Giroux
AHS Coaches

Dinosaurs

TO THE EDITOR:

As a lover of wildlife, I feel compelled to report the recent sighting of a rare species long thought to be extinct.

Tyrannosaurus Snowpaw.

For over a week I suspected his presence in the neighborhood, for I had seen traces. The most conspicuous clue was a three-foot high pile of ice and snow heaped across the end of my driveway, which I discovered early one morning.

Then around midnight last night, my suspicions were confirmed: I heard a tremendous roar, rose from bed, looked out my window, and there he was! With a great deal of grunting and groaning, bright yellow eyes gleaming, the beast was immersed in his favorite pastime—pushing snow back and forth across the road.

Much to my nocturnal delight, he was soon joined by his close cousin, Dumbosaurus Truck, and the two of them went about their tasks on into the night.

Any loss of sleep was more than compensated for by scientific curiosity and the thrill of being able to watch these creatures undisturbed in their natural habitat.

However, as I pulled the pillow down over my ears, I could not help but feel grateful that dinosaurs are extinct.

D. K. Funkhouser
13 Lowell st.

Rape Sentence

TO THE EDITOR:

How heartwarming to learn that the Supreme Judicial Court of Mass. has ruled that the State's mandatory death sentence for Rape-murder is unconstitutional!

How good it is that the age of judicial enlightenment, brotherhood, and restraint is upon us!

How reassuring for mothers, fathers, daughters, sons, and extended family members, that now, year 1976, the potential rapist-murder need no longer fear having to face the ultimate accountability for an almost unspeakable crime—since the punishment is cruel, unusual!

How ironic for those family and extended family members, living the life-long hell of despair and grief-suffering the loss of a mother—perhaps a daughter—perhaps a child—at the hands of a rapist-murderer—to learn of this decision.

Yet another ruling addressed to the constitutional rights of extreme aggressors. These family survivors must wonder about the loud and noisy absence of voices and rulings acknowledging their sadness, loneliness, anguish!

The ruling of the wise men of the Supreme Judicial Court leaves me cold....

Does it you too?

Daniel Wolf.
161 Mt. Vernon st.

On Disabilities

TO THE EDITOR:

We, the Friends of the Sensorially Deprived, Inc., enjoyed reading that the Belmont Kiwanis Club has embarked upon a program that will educate themselves about "Learning Disabilities". That they have fallen prey to the lobby group sponsoring the Closed Shop, (the A.M.A.), surprises one since the Kiwanians believe in utilizing all medical aids approved by Massachusetts' Public Health Laws and as parents have natural interest in children as exemplified by their many outstanding programs for youths.

What Younger Years proposes does not come into play when the parent gets to the "approved agencies" level of Mass. Chap. 766. Also, the program-chairman has a conflict of interest because of his employment.

The Kiwanians have forced this letter because of their refusal to set up an appointment with the FSD. On Sept. 19, a letter sent to the New England district Chairman of Kiwanis International, brought a response on Oct. 1, offering to meet with us. When we phoned to make a mutual date, suddenly he became too busy. Apparently they are project happy without investigating all the pros and cons pertaining to these major issues.

Regarding the perpetually stated cost fear of the dollar bill implementation of Mass. chap. 766, may I, a teacher, point out the basis for the evolution of the technical study of 20 learning disability youngsters in the late 50's and early 60's. Physical Fitness and the Child's Reading Problem, is a TEACHER'S TEST that cost 10 cents per child. (See "Quality Control in Reading, Aid to Teaching of Slow Readers", Belmont Herald, January 2, 1964, and other articles in 1964.) The inflationary cost for early identification is 22 cents. The author, Marion Monroe Cox, an Orton Society member, developed it in the 1930's. SURPRISED?

We, the FSD, vigilantly speak out because Younger Years is one of the two Major Emphasis Programs of Kiwanis International that clubs all over the country are encouraged to embark upon. "They know not what they do". Kiwanian hearts are in the right place but little do they realize that by promoting the Closed Shop, (the A.M.A.), they richochet education and medicine backward instead of forward, while the new professionals try to catch up.

Without true advocacy for the child with special needs this truism will live again. "Dyelexia never kills the patient-only the student".

Sincerely,
Peter Drench
Kevin Giroux
AHS Coaches

That Man About Town

Next week the boss will highlight the new open meeting law that goes into effect with the new year. It is intended to be tighter, and lists specific reasons for which a board can meet in closed session and requires 48 hours' notice of meetings.

A story this week looks at a Worcester Superior Court ruling on conflict of interest which tightens up on hiring and spending by officials who have relatives on the payroll they are responsible for. School Committeeman Charlie Lyons has asked Town Counsel Joe Purcell for an interpretation since his mother is a school secretary. The State Appeals Court is scheduled to hear an appeal on the Superior Court ruling.

Mrs. York of Farmer road called to pass on a nice seasonal story. Christmas Eve night a young man came to her door saying that he had skidded on the ice and dented a car parked in front of her house. He was looking for the owner, whom he found at a party across the street. Mrs. York thinks it was commendable that the young man cared enough to find the owner, rather than just driving on.

The town held its first caroling in the Robbins Gardens last week. Despite heavy snow and cold young and old turned out. The lanterns didn't stay lit because of the snow, but many tried to relight them. This program reminded one of the band concerts and similar programs on the commons in small New England towns. It isn't often Arlington feels "small town," and it was nice. We hope the program will be continued with enthusiasm next year. The only suggestions we would make are more control of the youths using the microphone before the program, and more sing-a-long by the audience.

The Robbins Library Reference Department has a copy of the two-volume Draft Environmental Analysis Report for the Red Line Extension from Alewife to Arlington Heights.

Residents who want to look at it and make comments or ask questions should do so before Jan. 9 and contact George C. Wey, MBTA project director, 500 Arborway, Boston, or the consultants, DeLeuw Cather & Sverdrup & Parcel & Associates, 24 School st., Boston.

The draft copy is also being reviewed by the MBTA, state and municipal agencies. It outlines plans for extending the line and locating stations. The final document is expected late January, with a public hearing to be held about 30 days later.

The hearing will also include the grant application that is being made to the federal Urban Mass Transportation Administration for federal funding.

The new year will be somewhat familiar, as Arlington continues to celebrate the Bicentennial. Boston is lamenting how little the tourists are spending—we couldn't help wondering what, if anything, has been spent here by Bicentennial fans.

The Uncle Sam statue should finally be put up in the new park at the corner of Mystic street and Mass. avenue. Across the street we look forward to rebuilding of the First Parish Church to start. And in East Arlington, the Bicentennial Park along the Alewife will be completed.

Giving local kids a decent high school education is still a matter of top concern. Town Meeting will again have some choices on how much it wants to spend to upgrade the A Building which voters wanted to save from demolition, and to find other needed new space.

Arlington Center may also get some renovation, as the Redevelopment Board, Chamber of Commerce and Planning Department launch a model block plan to fix up one block in the Center. For little cost a lot of visual improvement can be made with new store fronts and signs, sidewalk plants and benches, and improved parking which closing Broadway where it meets the avenue would bring.

This is also the year when we vote, vote, vote and vote. It starts in March with a presidential primary which is causing our annual elections and town meeting to start in April instead of March. It's about that time for the candidates to start declaring themselves and we can all start figuring out who is behind the scenes trying to play God again. And if the petition effort is successful, voters may also be deciding if they want to study overhauling the government. Then we'll have the state elections.

Town Hall Roundup



Enjoying

Young and old braved the snow to enjoy caroling, the lighted tree and lighted walks of Robbins Garden for a town-sponsored pre-Christmas caroling program. Candles and paper bags to make Luminaria were donated and used later by churches.

(Advocate Staff Photo)

State House Roll Call Reports

The House

The House, which has held 577 roll calls thus far, reconvenes Dec. 31 to wrap up the 1975 legislative session. The new session begins Jan. 6. Before this, however, the Legislature is expected to take action on several major pieces of legislation still pending. This week the roll call looks at the important pending legislation, which has already received some form of action by the House.

The pending matters include circumventing 100 percent revaluation; outlawing independent adoption; extending rent control; "lifeline electricity" legislation; a transportation bond issue; banning of "Saturday night special" guns; and raising the drinking age to 19.

Property Assessment: Passed, 124-103, a bill which allows assessors to choose one of three methods to determine full, fair cash value of residential and commercial property. The three methods are sales, income capitalization, or replacement cost less depreciation.

The bill was tabled in the Senate where proponents are claiming the new optional methods would shift the tax burden to those most able to pay it, while opponents argue that it would encourage inequities in the distribution of state aid to cities and towns.

Voting no were Reps. Campobasso and Cusack. Rep. Pickett voted yes.

Illegal Adoption: Passed, 165-57, a bill which would outlaw illegal adoptions in Massachusetts. The bill would give 38 licensed adoption agencies in the state control over all adoptions. The Senate also passed the bill, and it presently awaits the Governor's signature. Proponents are saying that one-third of all private adoptions involve "selling babies" while the opponents say that the bill violates a mother's rights and gives 38 agencies a monopoly. A yes vote is for the bill.

Voting yes were Reps. Campobasso, Cusack and Pickett.

The Senate

The Senate has held 304 roll calls this year, and it is now in recess until Dec. 31 when it plans to begin to wrap up the 1975 session. Before the new session starts Jan. 6, the Legislature still has several pieces of pending legislation which it must act on. This week the roll call looks at the Senator's initial votes on these matters: outlawing independent adoption, raising the drinking age to 19, circumventing 100 percent revaluation, and extending rent control.

Illegal Adoption: Passed, 26-7, legislation which would outlaw illegal adoptions in Massachusetts. The bill, which would give complete control over adoption to 38 licensed agencies, is opposed by those who say it creates a monopoly and violates mother's constitutional rights. Its sponsors argued that close to one-third of all independent adoptions involve illegally "selling babies." The bill has also been passed by the House and now awaits the Governor's signature.

A compromise version extending rent control for 90 days has been passed by the Senate, and House action is expected Dec. 31. A yes vote is for a two year extension.

Voting yes were Reps. Campobasso and Cusack. Voting no was Rep. Pickett.

Rent Control: Passed, 126-49, legislation continuing the state's local option rent control through 1978 with one major change. The change stipulates that a local rent board must hold a hearing within 60 days of a landlord's request for a rent increase if the tenant requests one and then would be required to act within 30 days of the hearing.

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Voting yes were Reps. Campobasso and Cusack. Voting no was Rep. Pickett.

"Lifeline" Electricity: Passed, 182-43, legislation which would allow Bay State residential customers to use up to 300 kWh of power a month or 2.7 cents per kWh, about 50 percent less than the current cost. The bill has passed the House and the Senate may act on it Dec. 31 or later. Supporters say the bill offers low electric rates to consumers and encourages conservation. Opponents are arguing it will hurt state industry as rates will rise sharply after the first 300 hours to compensate for reduction of revenue. A yes vote is for the bill.

Reps. Campobasso and Cusack voted yes. Rep. Pickett did not vote.

Senator Bullock voted for the bill.

Drinking Age: The Senate gave initial approval, 20-14 to a bill which raises the drinking age to 19. Provisions include the imposition of a \$50 fine for anyone under 19 found drinking; the requirement that anyone under 19 drinking and driving be reported to the police; and imprisonment for six months for anyone who purchases liquor for someone under 19.

The bill has already been okayed by the House and now awaits final action by the Senate where opponents have attempted to attach amendments. A yes vote is for raising the age to 19.

Senator Bullock voted no.

Weight Watchers Model New Sizes

Bragg clothes were the style at a recent "before and after" fashion show presented by Arlington Weight Watchers. The nine members who modeled their "before" clothes have lost a total of 558 pounds.

Peggy Vartanian stole the show, modeling a size 44 smock over her present size 14 pants. She has lost 125 pounds.

Other participants included Ms. Vartanian's niece, Carol Sahagian, who has lost 73 pounds; Helen Malone, 50 pounds; Margaret Kirkland, 93 pounds; Elda Flecca, 41 pounds; Debbie Leslie, 50 pounds; Geri Fennelly, 50 pounds; Joe Carter, 47 pounds; and Joan Malouf, 29 pounds.

Weight Watchers in Arlington meets at the Boys Club of Wellington st. Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 9:30 p.m. New members are welcome to join any weekly meeting.

Sen. Bullock voted N. Paired Present.

The warrant for the annual town meeting will be opened Monday night at 7:15 p.m. at the meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

It will close on Jan. 19 at the same time.

The Board of Selectmen will meet at the regular time and place Jan. 5, at 7:15 p.m. in their chambers on the second floor of town hall.

On the following week the first of two scheduled away from town hall meetings will be held at the Fox Library at 7:15 p.m.

The second meeting will be held on Feb. 2 at 7:15 p.m. at the Ottoson Junior High School.

The Redevelopment Board has voted to designate Spring st. from a point near its intersection with Hillsdale rd. to Bellevue rd. as a scenic road.

The reason for the Board's feeling is primarily due to the exceptional view from the street towards the Boston skyline and the number of mature trees that are located within the right of way.

A warrant article will be prepared in connection with the proposed designation.

The Selectmen have voted to have a street light installed at the intersection of Oldham rd. and Hutchinson rd. The strength of the light will be 3500 lumens.

The action was taken in connection with a petition from residents of Oldham rd. seeking an improvement in the lighting of the street.

Selectmen have signed the orders of laying out of Blossom st. from Alpine st. to Summit st. and Summit st. from Summer st. to Blossom st.

Selectmen have signed forms noting that the state census totals 50,223. The Board is responsible for the enumeration of the residents in the community and appointed the Town Clerk as Director in charge of taking the census.

A financial report on the census is ex-

pected to be available at the next meeting of the Board.

The Zoning Board of Appeals has unanimously voted to grant a variance to permit the use of 72 Walnut st. as a two-family dwelling.

The Board also voted that the continued use of the building by more than two-dwelling units is declared unlawful and is to stop, and that the variance for two-family use may be deemed to run with the land.

The application to the Board was for special permission to use the house as a church, and for variance permitting the conversion of the house from a single family dwelling to a four-unit apartment house.

The Town has received a permit from the State Dept. of Public Works approving an amendment to the traffic rules and orders for no parking on the south side of Mass. ave. in front of 990 from the driveway to a point 25 westerly.

The change must now be advertised before it can go into effect.

James W. Forgie, 11 Stony Brook rd., has been appointed to the Conservation Commission for a three-year term. Selectmen approved the appointment as requested by Town Manager Donald R. Marquis.

The Zoning Board of Appeals has granted a variance to permit the construction of a third story on a two-family house at 87-89 Egerton rd.

The variance was granted provided that the highest point is no longer than the present roof-line of the rest of the house.

The owners of the home appealed the denial by the building inspector of a permit to enlarge an enclosed porch on the third floor.

The inspector had refused the permit because the proposed work would result in a three-story building in a two and one-half story district, contrary to Section 14-B of the by-law.



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Manager Names Coordinator Of Communications

Helen Campobasso of 100 Broadway has recently been named Communications Coordinator on the staff of the Town Manager's office.

Funded under the federal Comprehensive Employment-Training Act (CETA), the position is designed to improve the two-way communications between town officials and the citizens of Arlington, and to facilitate the town's response to citizen needs.

The major functions of the Office of Communications Coordinator are:

1. To help citizens understand issues and the processes of the town government through the news media and special publication.

2. To receive ideas, suggestions, and complaints from residents and town employees to channel them to appropriate town offices, and to assure that they are acted upon.

3. To publish timely newsletters for the

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Fire Division Director Urges Fireplace Care

Fire Division Director Irving Proctor urges residents who have fireplaces in their homes to have periodic inspections made to prevent fires.

Proctor pointed out that pamphlets concerning fireplaces are available at the Central Fire Station for residents who do have fireplaces in their homes.

Although he wasn't able to pinpoint an exact number of fireplaces in the town of Arlington he felt that most of the single family structures do have fireplaces and a number of the older houses in the community have more than one.

Some safety features that are strongly recommended by the Fire Division in connection with fireplaces include using tight fitting screens on the fireplace; not wearing loose fitting or flimsy clothing when tending a fire.

It is also recommended that children be constantly supervised if they are allowed to touch a fire.

The Division also notes that spark arresters are desirable on fireplace flues to hold in check large sparks or embers.

Residents are also cautioned about starting fireplaces with gasoline or kerosene. Fires in chimneys can be largely prevented by periodic inspections and appropriate cleaning.

Residents are also cautioned to keep an orderly arrangement of fuel. Firewood should be piled or placed in bin and kept separate from all waste papers and rags. Papers and rags mixed in wood or coal may start spontaneous heating under some conditions.

Proctor noted that there are possibly more residents using fireplaces than was the case previously because of the increased cost of fuel during the past few years.

Those who question the safety of their fireplaces can make a simple examination, according to Proctor, by flashing a mirror or flashlight up through the throat of the fireplace above the damper.

Proctor also noted that the inside of the chimneys should be checked closely for accumulations of pitch on the inside of the chimney walls.

He said that those who use their fireplaces frequently should have them cleaned at least once a year.

Proctor also said that those using the imitation type logs in their fireplaces should read directions thoroughly before using.

The Director explained that in some instances fireplaces can be used for years and apparently be in excellent condition, and then suddenly a fire will break out in the rear of the chimney.

He noted that this results in some instances from charcoal forming in open areas behind the fireplace and finally igniting.

Proctor said that areas behind and above the damper should be bricked in or plastered in tightly so that nothing can burn.

He said that for some unknown reason some areas between the fireplaces and the wooden beams are not sealed off tightly enough and the wood eventually becomes charcoal and finally burns.

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Firefighters Battle Two Weekend Fires

Arlington firefighters battled two fires over the Christmas holiday weekend.

A fire in the second floor living room extended into the floor, exterior wall and ceiling at a house at 142 Madison Ave., Dec. 26. The fire was called in at 7:40 a.m.

The second fire was called in at 2:25 a.m. on the following day.

This fire at 24 School St. was confined to the cellar area.

Meanwhile, on Dec. 23 engine 1 and ladder 1 covered at Teel Sq. in Somerville for a general alarm fire at 1 a.m.

During the week ending Dec. 28 the Fire Division answered 58 emergency calls including 13 box alarms, 19 ambulance calls and one mutual aid call.

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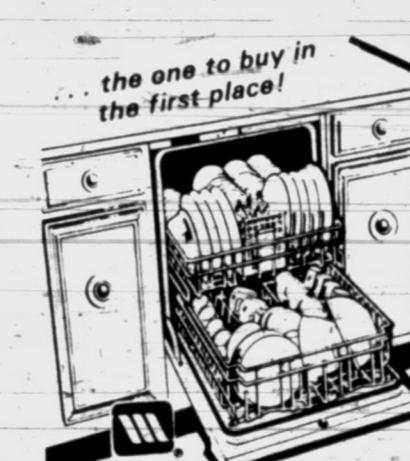
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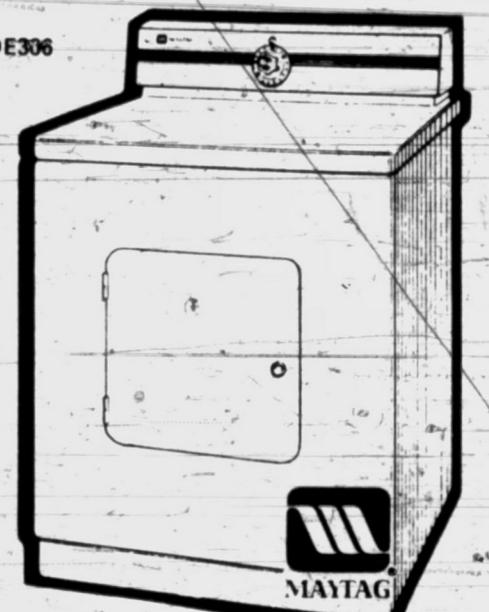
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Big Party**Mary Dorrington Has 90 Years Of Memories**

by Larry Barton



It was just a few weeks ago that Mary Dorrington, who lives in Chestnut Manor in Arlington Center, was told to be ready about 3 p.m. when her son would pick her up and take her out for dinner for her 90th birthday. She never made it to the restaurant.

Instead, her son took her by wheelchair down the hall into a room full of 150 relatives, friends and well-wishers for a gigantic birthday party. And the residents of Chestnut Manor are still talking about that party.

Mrs. Dorrington, an Arlington resident for 85 years, has made many friends throughout her life and her family was able to gather a large number of them for the party. Her five children, including Paul, an AHS teacher, and Robert, a firefighter, 23 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren were only a part of the gathering. Former neighbors, co-workers, church friends and others joined in the party.

"The party was just the most wonderful thing in my life," Mrs. Dorrington says. "I never expected anything, but when the doors to the room opened, I was stunned. Didn't know what to say. I was stunned," she remembers.

Mrs. Dorrington says that she has had many kinds of birthdays in her life, but never one as exciting as this. Friends included Joseph Vaisey, who served on the Housing Authority for many years, who entertained on the accordion, and Frances Ahern of Webster street who sang at Mrs. Dorrington's wedding, and sang again at the party.

Others reminisced about the days she lived

Mary Dorrington

New Cleary Baby

Dennis James Cleary was born to Mr. and Mrs. Denis Cleary of 28 Peirce st. Dec. 6 at Symmes Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Patrick F. O'Connell of Derby, Conn., and Mr. and Mrs. Denis J. Cleary of Clifton, N.J.

The Arlington Sportlight

Lance Warren tallied three goals as the Arlington-Menotomy Pee Wee "A's" defeated Somerville 5-1 in a contest a week ago.

Ellyn Geremonte of Arlington will be shooting for the 500th point this week as a member of the Tufts University girls' basketball team.

Interestingly enough the opposition on the night in which she could reach the magic plateau will be Boston State. Boston State is coached by Liz McDonough who was Ellyn's basketball coach at Arlington High.

Ellyn will be playing in her 38th game for Tufts this week. As a freshman she tallied 131 points in 10 games.

She has continued to improve as a player

since that time, and although her average slipped some last year, her floor game has improved markedly.

Her coach Barbara Hollis says that she has become a complete player and a real team leader.

In her first two games this season the Arlington girl has scored 34 points and has handed out ten assists.

During the 1973-74 season Ellyn and teammate Sheila Ewing of West Grove, Pa., reached the finals of the NBA's women's foul shooting contest in San Diego, Calif.

She led Arlington High to an 18-0 record and the Suburban League crown in 1972 and collected 11 varsity letters before graduation.

Ellyn is a music major, concentrating on piano and alto clarinet.

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so many people here in one day. But I don't know what I'd do without all of the wonderful people watching me," she says.

Mrs. Dorrington tries to keep abreast of local news, and was saddened to see the loss of the First Parish Church last year. "I used to sit here by the window in the mornings and watch that beautiful church. I loved its bell and believe it or not, I woke up in the morning by that church bell," she says. She hopes the church can be rebuilt "since it meant so much to the people and to the town."

Most of her children live locally, so Mrs. Dorrington is frequently visited by her many grandchildren. She says that she doesn't mind the long hair and modern dress style of teenagers, saying that "in my day some of the things that kids did were a lot more wild. I think those things are nice."

Class To start In Advanced Magic

Arlington Recreation will be conducting another session of its Advanced Magic program beginning Friday, Jan. 16, from 4:30 p.m. at the Edith Fox Library Function Room.

The class will run for seven weeks, from Jan. 16 through Feb. 27. The course will include some new and different advanced magic tricks that have not been introduced in previous sessions.

Since the inception of the Magic Class into the Recreation program over 150 children have participated in the sessions. Children who have taken classes previously will find some new tricks along with some review in the upcoming advanced class.

The program is under the direction of Joseph Carota, a professional magician who has had many years' experience in magic instruction. Classes will be filled on a first come basis. A minimal registration fee will be required. For further information contact the Recreation Office on 33 Ryder st.

Free Concerts

The New England Conservatory of Music will open its winter concert series with a week of three free concerts next week.

On Jan. 12 at 5 p.m. in Brown Hall, the Repertory Chorus will present "American Music's Guilded Age." On the same evening at 8:30 p.m. in Jordan Hall, a program featuring music from "Suite for Percussion" and "Moon Step" will be presented.

Finally, on Jan. 16 at 8:30 p.m. in Jordan Hall, the NEC Fellowship String Quartet will present a concert of Haydn, Beethoven, Debussy and others.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. at Symmes Hospital. Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings. Information is available at the hospital.



WINS LETTER — former Arlington High three-sport athlete Paul Nelson has been awarded a varsity letter in football at Wesleyan University. He is a sophomore at the Connecticut school.



AT WESLEYAN — Dave Thomas, a former Arlington High athlete has been awarded his varsity letter at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Ct. He was an offensive lineman for the Wesleyan eleven.

Stratton Scouts, Brownies, Awarded

Members of the Stratton Scout Girl Scout Troop No. 9 and Brownie Troop No. 28 recently enjoyed a Christmas Party at the Bonanza Restaurant.

Scouts who received the Sign of the Star were Nancy Delisle, Joyce Guarante, Diana Hadzey Nakides, Christine Hogan, Darlene Jackson, Lydia Leon, Sylvia Patalano, and Anne Marie Rongone.

All of the girls also received additional badges for work they previously completed.

Laureen Guarante, cadet scout, assisted in the presentation of Brownie pins to the following girls:

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Minuteman Names Director

Ronald J. Fitzgerald of Amherst has been named Superintendent-Director of the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical High School in Lexington. Fitzgerald has been executive officer and director of research for the Massachusetts Advisory Council on Education since 1973.

Fitzgerald previously served as Superintendent of Schools for Amherst and the Amherst-Pelham School District for 10 years. He holds a master's and doctor's degree from the University of Massachusetts.

His appointment culminates a search which the Minuteman School Committee has been carrying on since last April when former Superintendent-Director Samuel H. Sains resigned.

More than 100 applications from all over the United States were reviewed by School Committee members. From these, seven applicants were chosen and invited to meet with two constituent groups for interviews. The recommendations from these two groups were turned over to the School Committee who interviewed the three top-rated people on

Dec. 18 and made the final appointment.

Concerning his views on vocational-technical education, Fitzgerald said he firmly believes in a vocational orientation to all educational programs. In this regard he hopes to promote Minuteman's services beyond the regional school itself to schools in all of the member communities, including Arlington.

While serving as superintendent of schools in Amherst, the school district was awarded federal funds under ESEA Title III to establish Occupational Resource Centers in schools, community agencies and correctional institutions in Massachusetts and to train paraprofessionals in the operation of these centers. As a result of that program, centers in 25 towns throughout the state were started.

Also, during the years Fitzgerald served as Superintendent in Amherst, the school system received three other ESEA Title III grants. One of these was used to set up a team teaching center to assist teachers in individualizing the math and reading programs and to provide teachers with easy access to

print and non-print materials.

Recruiting

A new student recruitment plan at the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School for the establishment of recruiting teams which include teachers and students.

The formation of such teams was revealed by senior student program coordinator William R. Hayward at a recent school committee meeting. He said such teams will include one academic teacher, one vocational teacher and one student. The teams will visit eighth grade classrooms in junior high schools in the 12-town district to describe the Minuteman programs.

The recruiting effort is being given emphasis since the school currently has a deficit enrollment of 162 students. It is hoped that such a plan could bring in 450 students in next year's freshman class.

Hayward said that other recruiting activities include the sending out of letters of invitation to eighth grade teachers and counselors to visit Minuteman and observe the educational process there. Hopefully such a visit would place them in a better position to present Minuteman as one ninth grade option, Hayward said.

Hayward said that the communications-human relations department is encouraging students to write letters to the editors of local papers to express their feelings on Minuteman.

Artist King Coffin To Critique Works By Local Artists

King M. Coffin, noted artist, will give a critique of members' paintings at the monthly meeting of the Arlington Art Association on Jan. 8, at 7 p.m. at the Edith Fox Library.

Coffin's paintings are displayed in the Vose Gallery, Boston, the Museum of Fine Arts and at the DeCordova Museum in Lincoln, as well as in many private collections.

He is a native of West Medford and now resides in Bedford. A member of the Winchester, Sudbury and Wellesley Art Associations, Coffin excels at evaluating professional caliber painting as well as student work. He is presently an instructor at DeCordova, offering classes in life drawing, perspective and portrait.

He received his early artistic training at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston and at the O'Hara School of Watercolor in Biddeford, Maine through scholarship awards.

Members of the Arlington Art Association will submit one painting each for the critique, and will bring an additional painting for the jury selections to be hung at the hospital and library exhibits during February and March. The public is cordially invited to attend the meeting.

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Hockey And Basketball

Winter Sports Teams Are Busy Here

The Arlington High School basketball team rolled to consecutive victories over Revere, Peabody and Somerville in a second year of competition in the Greater Boston League.

The Arlington Catholic five meanwhile, ran into a strong Matignon team and lost 77-60.

The Arlington High hockey team continued undefeated with 5-3 and 3-1 victories after an opening game tie.

Arlington Catholic scored 18 goals in two games, then lost two frustrating one-goal decisions in busy week.

AHS outscored Peabody 16-8 in the third period and went on to win 64-50 in its second contest of the season.

Charlie MacLeod scored 16 points for the AHS five.

In another game, the team coached by John Cody held off a late Somerville surge and emerged with a 59-55 win over the rebuilding Somerville team. The loss for usually powerful Somerville was the second of the young season.

Arlington High will be at Chelsea on Dec. 30, Haverhill, Jan. 2 and Brookline, Jan. 3. The junior varsity and varsity program will start at 6:30 p.m.

The Arlington Catholic five will host Cardinal Spellman on Dec. 30 at 7:30 p.m. and then travel to Columbus on Jan. 2 for an 8 p.m. contest. Dick Broderick is coach of the AHS five.

Off to a much better start this season than last year, the Arlington High hockey team beat Everett 5-3 with Tony Messuri leading the way with three goals. AHS broke this contest wide open with a four-goal third stanza.

Coach Ed Burns team outshot Chelsea 34-13 as Mark Colbert played a strong game in the AHS net.

Tony Messuri tallied the first marker, while Brian Burns scored the second on a power play.

Brian O'Connor scored into an open net on a pass from Mark Collins for the final Arlington tally.

Arlington will be at Haverhill at 1 p.m. on Dec. 31, and will play a 3 p.m. contest against Somerville at the Winchester Rink on Saturday.

Arlington Catholic romped over Cathedral High 10-0 and St. Mary's of Cambridge 8-2 in two high-scoring games.

However, Pope John tallied in the third period to give that team a 2-2 decision and Marian edged the forces of Steve Theall 2-1 in

ON BOWDOIN SQUAD-Gerry Ciarcia, a graduate of Arlington High School and Deerfield Academy is a member of the Bowdoin College varsity hockey team.

2 Classes Left In Adult Golf

Arlington Recreation Adult Golf Instruction program will begin in early January. Classes will be held on Monday and Thursday evenings at the Ottoson Jr. High School. Monday classes will begin Jan. 5 while Thursday classes start Jan. 8. The only open classes are at 8:30 p.m.

Classes will again be under the direction of golf pro John Thoren.

Registration must take place in advance at the Recreation Office on 33 Ryder st. All registration is on a first come basis and limited enrollment is taken in each class. The Recreation Office will accept registrations Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A minimal registration fee is required for the program.

Train Slips Track

At Mass. And Swan

A Boston and Maine bulldozer went off the tracks at the Mass. ave.-Swan st. intersection at 8 a.m., Monday morning.

Swan st. was blocked for a time, but equipment was sent out from Boston and the car was jacked up and returned to the tracks at 10:10 a.m.

Teen Dance Saturday

Arlington Recreation will sponsor a high school dance at the Ottoson Jr. High on Saturday night, from 8-11 p.m. The dance will feature the popular music of "Good Time Charlie." Tickets may be purchased at the door for a minimal fee.

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a game Sunday.

The ACHS sextet will host Bishop Fenwick Jan. 3 at 4:30 p.m. at the Winchester Rink.

The Arlington High sophomore basketball team will host Natick Jan. 3 at 10 a.m. and will be at Newton on Jan. 6 at 3:15 p.m.

The freshman basketball team will be at Belmont on Jan. 2 at 3:15 p.m. and will be at home against Everett on Jan. 6 at 3:15 p.m.

The boys' gymnastic team at Arlington High will open its season at home against Watertown on Jan. 6 at 3:30 p.m.

The boys' swimming team will be at

Medford at 3:15 p.m. on Jan. 7.

The junior varsity hockey team faces Malden at 5:20 p.m. on Jan. 7. All games are at the Revere Rink.

The AHS frosh hockey team will face Revere at 5:20 p.m. on Jan. 2 and Everett at the same starting time on Jan. 6. All games are in Revere.

On Jan. 2 the AHS track team will face Peabody at Peabody at 9:30 a.m. and then will run against Everett at Peabody on Jan. 6 at 3:15 p.m.

Skating Classes

Set For Those Of Special Needs

Arlington Recreation will again be offering its skating program for individuals of all ages with special needs. Instruction will be offered on the basis of individual need from the activities to develop balance and coordination and basic skills to hockey instruction.

Individuals confined to a wheelchair or with braces may benefit from socialization by participating on a sled.

Any persons interested in participating please contact the Recreation Office on 33 Ryder st. Volunteers are also welcome.



CO-CAPTAIN Eilynn Geremonte of Arlington is co-captain of the Tufts girls basketball team this season. The former AHS star is the highest scorer in Tufts girls' basketball history.

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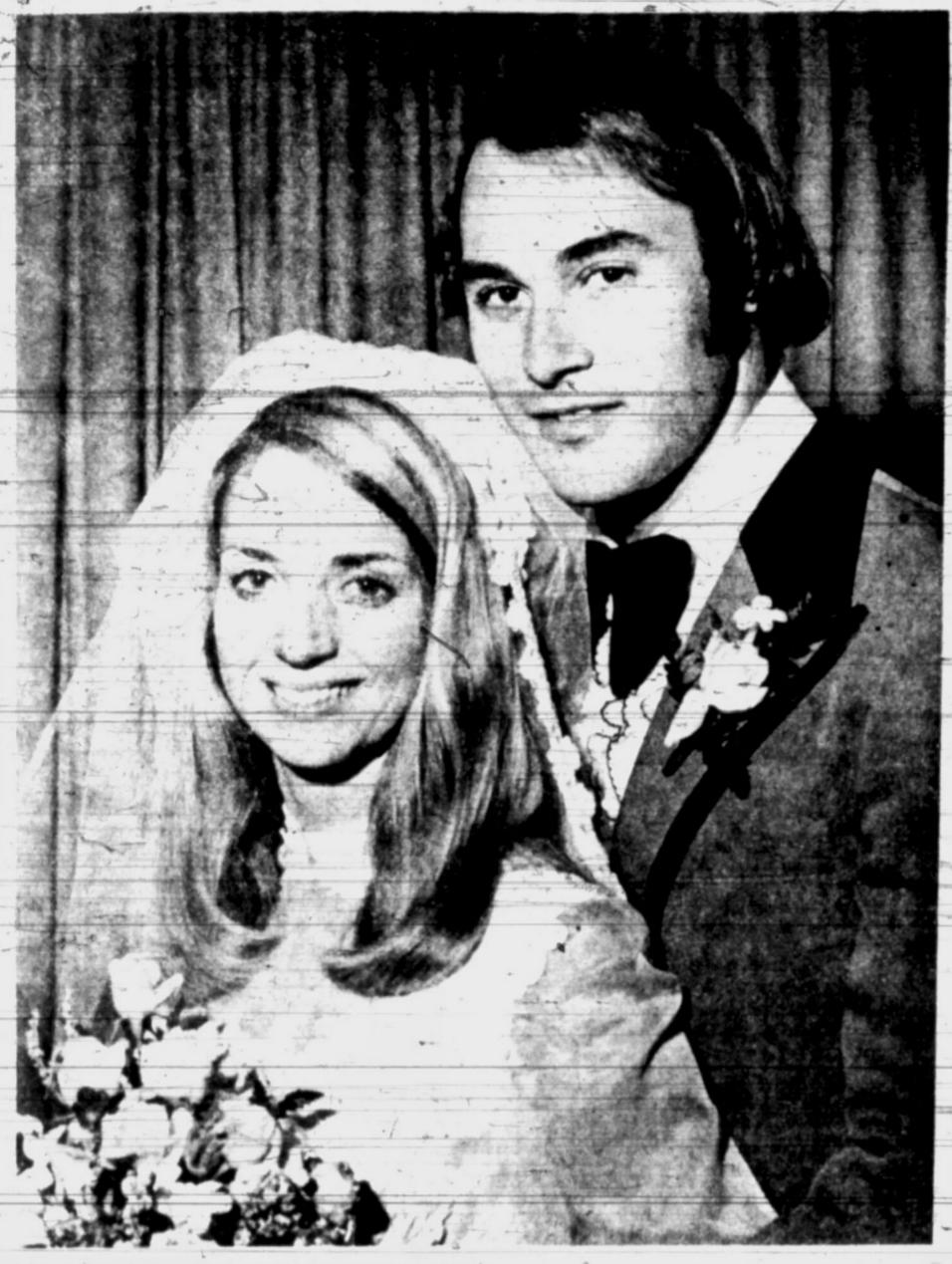
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Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Marceau

Faye Armstrong Becomes Bride Of Robert Marceau

First Baptist Church of Arlington was the setting for the Oct. 18 marriage of Faye Lorraine Armstrong and Robert F. Marceau. Rev. Joseph Sweeny officiated at the afternoon ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of William F. Armstrong and Mrs. Greta Armstrong. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marceau of Rome, N.Y.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of silk organza with

Venise lace and circular train with matching Juliet cap trimmed with lace and a silk organza veil. She carried white roses, stephanotis and dried flowers.

Mrs. Deborah Mason of Knoxville, Tenn., was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Gale Armstrong of Lexington, Holly Armstrong of Lexington and Jill Armstrong of Arlington, as junior bridesmaid, all sisters of the bride.

They wore high-waisted long-sleeved gowns, the honor attendant in persimmon and the bridesmaids in apricot. They carried fall bouquets of orange, rust and yellow chrysanthemums, orange roses and dried flowers.

Carl Bard of Vernon, Conn., was best man. Ushers were Robert Miller of Willimantic, Conn.; David Lyman of Rome, N.Y.; and Douglas Ferguson of West Hartford, Conn., the bride's cousin.

The reception was held at Nonantum Post 440, Newton, with Cynthia Sandberg of Arlington in charge of the guest book.

The couple went to Florida on their honeymoon and now make their home in Rockaway, N.J.

Mrs. Marceau graduated from Arlington High School in 1970 and University of Connecticut School of Nursing. She is a registered nurse in New Jersey. Her husband graduated from Rome Free Academy and University of Connecticut School of Engineering.

Edward Aiken Born

Edward Walter Aiken was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Aiken of 14 Apache trail Nov. 25 at Symmes Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Judson Aiken and Mrs. James W. Quinn, all of Arlington, are the new grandparents.

Joseph Coveno Born

Mr. and Mrs. James Coveno of 95 Newland rd. announce the birth of a baby boy, Joseph Coveno, Nov. 20 at Symmes Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel P. Mahoney of Arlington and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph F. Coveno are the new grandparents.

Cub Pack No. 390 Has Meeting, Awards

Cub Scout Pack 390 had its monthly meeting for November at the Dallin School on Dec. 4.

Webebos from Den 5, carrying the American and den flags, and their pack flag with attached award banners opened the meeting of Cub Scout Pack 390 by Pledging Allegiance and leading the Cub Scout Promise Oath.

Cubmaster Bill Bilodeau and Chairman Dan O'Neill led the meeting with the theme "The Indian Festival." Skits were performed by Dens 1, 2, and 3, with Den 4 conducting the closing ceremony.

Recognition was given to new den leader Jack Bowman and Tom Soracco, assistant Webebo den leader.

The following Webebos received the athlete badge: Stephen A'Hern, Scott Bilodeau, Eric Conte, William Doherty, Brian Everett, James Fallon, John Flynn, Daniel Fox, Paul Livolsi, David O'Riordan, David Soracco, John Vann, Tommy Woods.

James Fallon and Stephen A'Hern received their Artist Badges.

The December Pack Meeting was held Dec. 18 at the Dallin School. The theme of the month was Christmas and the various dens showed the audience what and how they made presents for their parents. Many different and unique gift items were presented.

All the scouts and webebos were presented with a present from the pack, a Pine Wood Derby Kit which will be the theme of the January meeting.

Refreshments were served by Rita Confi and Pat



Mr. and Mrs. Donald Parker Gill

Martha Jane Largentton And Donald Parker Gill Marry

St. Agnes' Church was the setting for the Oct. 24 marriage of Martha Jane Largentton and Donald Parker Gill.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Largentton Jr. of 6 Webster st. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Annette F. Gill of Medford.

Rev. Robert Casey officiated at the candlelight ceremony.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a white peau de soie gown with ring neckline, long lace sleeves, empire waist with Alencon lace bodice and lace appliques on the skirt. Seed pearls accented the lace. Her veil was a long Alencon lace mantilla. The ensemble was made by Priscilla of Boston. She carried white roses with stephanotis and English ivy.

Kathleen Conrad of Cambridge was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Paula Famolare, Rita Brennan and Mrs. Jack Mento of Arlington; Patricia Quinn of Watertown, Mrs. Christopher Gill of Beachmont, Mrs. and Mrs. James Largentton of Medford. Junior bridesmaids were Judi and Lori DeWolf of Medford.

The reception was held at Nonantum Post 440, Newton, with Cynthia Sandberg of Arlington in charge of the guest book.

The couple went to Florida on their honeymoon and now make their home in Rockaway, N.J.

Mrs. Marceau graduated from Arlington High School in 1970 and University of Connecticut School of Nursing. She is a registered nurse in New Jersey. Her husband graduated from Rome Free Academy and University of Connecticut School of Engineering.

Vonnegut To Speak

Mark Vonnegut, author of The Eden Express and son of author Kurt Vonnegut, Jr., will speak to the American Schizophrenia Association of Boston on Jan. 10 at 8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, Central Square, Cambridge.

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Amico Baby Boy

Angelo Nicholas Amico was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. Michael Amico of 28 Crescent Hill Nov. 27 at Symmes Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Ross of Haverhill and Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Amico of Arlington.

School Menus

ELEMENTARY

Monday-Meat balls in tomato sauce, hot dog roll, orange juice, milk.

Tuesday-Jumbo hot dog, hot cinnamon apples, tossed salad with dressing, cookie, milk.

Wednesday-Graham cracker, milk.

Thursday-Breaded chicken patty, buttered mixed vegetables, hamburger bun, chilled fruit, milk.

Friday-Cheese pizza, applesauce, frosted cake, milk.

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HIGH & JR. HIGH MENU

Monday-Hot dog in a bun or tuna roll. Potato rounds or tossed salad with dressing or chilled fruit. Fruit juice, milk.

Tuesday-Meat ball sub or lettuce, tomato, and cheese sandwich. Whole kernel corn or shredded lettuce with dressing or chilled fruit. Fruit juice, milk.

Wednesday-Fishwich on roll or ham and cheese sandwich. Potato wedge or chilled fruit. Fruit juice, milk.

Thursday-Hamburger on a bun or chicken salad sandwich. French fried potatoes or lettuce leaf and tomato slice or chile ed fruit. Fruit juice, milk.

Friday-Cheese pizza or roast beef sandwich. Shredded lettuce with dressing or chilled fruit. Fruit juice, milk.

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Vellenga Baby Boy

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Vellenga of 30 Marathon st. announce the birth of their second child, Peter Gabriel Vellenga, Dec. 20 at the New England Memorial Hospital, Stoneham. New grandparents are the Rev. and Mrs. Charles A. Vellenga of Bridgeport, Ohio, and Thomas Suckley of Gladwyne, England.



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